

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
July 10, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for Public Hearings

Council members Matt Brubaker, Janet Castle, and Tom Barker. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Marshal Jim Bumbaugh. Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting held on June 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council along with minutes for a Special Council Meeting held on June 19, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

Claim Docket

\$323,001.61 in claims were paid.

Guests

- Scott Franco, director of Business Development & Community Relations of Surf Internet, was present to assess the interest of the town to welcome the installation of fiber internet services. They currently have broadband in the area schools and are looking to expand further in this area. They are bringing fiber internet to Indiana, Michigan and Illinois with a recent groundbreaking in Churubusco. Matt Brubaker asked that Scott follow up with additional information in an email.

Approvals

- The contract for fire services with Washington Township was extended to the end of 2023 with the town agreeing to pay \$7000 for those services. The monitoring of water usage was added to the contract.
- Resolution 7-1-23 was approved to transfer funds within the General Fund.
- Ordinance 2023-7-1 was approved. This ordinance establishes the fixed asset policy for the town.
- A quote from R&B Sales was approved in the amount of \$10,466.91 for the set-up of the new Ford Explorer.

- Two quotes were presented by clerk Myra Mast for the reconciliation of the town's capital asset inventory. The council voted to move forward with LWG at a maximum cost of \$6000 plus travel costs that will not exceed \$275.
- A proposal from New Focus HR was approved to create a new employee handbook. The current town employee handbook is not compliant with state regulations. A yearly fee of \$150 will also be paid to keep the handbook updated.
- A new list of upgrades and repairs to the community park was approved to submit for the K21 grant. The list is not to exceed \$218,000 as the town has only designated \$8,000 from funds in the park funds along with a \$10,000 grant from the Kosciusko Community Foundation for the tennis/pickleball court.

Streets, Water, Sewer – Casey Boggs

- A concrete base will be poured at the sewer plant where chemical totes are stored in the “shed”. And, at the water plant, the sidewalk will be extended to accommodate the delivery trucks.
- Whole Effluent Toxicity Test results were received and passed.
- Casey provided information to the council regarding pressure monitoring devices that would cost \$3677.08 each. He would like to purchase one to be placed permanently at Pequignot and the other to be moved around when needed. This may qualify to be paid for from the TIF fund. Casey did not seek approval from council at this time due to more information will need to be obtained before a decision can be made.

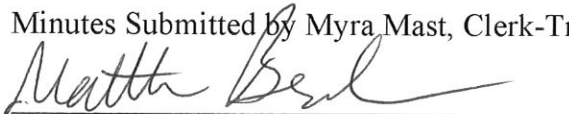
Pierceton Police Department – Jim Bumbaugh

- The 2023 Ford Explorer has been delivered and is currently in the garage.
- The FOIA complaint response was submitted on June 28th.
- Officer Hastings has completed the Alice Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate).
- The slow train request for the Pierceton Days Festival has been submitted.

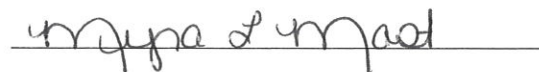
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on August 14, 2023, at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer